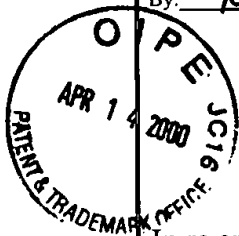


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 on 4-14-00

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 2307AA-031220US

By: Ron Anton



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BAEKESKOV et al.

Application No.: 08/838,486

Filed: April 7, 1997

For: **IMPROVED METHODS FOR THE  
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF  
DIABETES**

Examiner: Mary R. Tung

Art Unit: 1644

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated October 14, 1999, for three months, from January 14, 2000 to April 14, 2000. A response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$435 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Liebeschuetz

Joe Liebeschuetz  
Reg. No. 37,505

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
Tel: (415) 576-0200  
Fax: (415) 576-0300  
JOL/dmv

04/21/2000 STEFER08 00000025 201430 08838486  
02 FC:217 435.00 CH